

I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a special meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:35 AM.

- A. Introduction of Page:** There were no pages for the meeting.
- B. Opening Prayer** was given by Clerk Treasurer John Baughn.
- C. Pledge –** Mayor Armstrong led the pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Roll Call:** Present: Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell. Absent: John Brown
- E. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting –** Martha Myers moved to accept the minutes of the March 4th meeting. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2003, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 21.56 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF 10TH STREET AND EAST OF WHITFIELD DRIVE (ADDRESS: 735 WHITFIELD DR.), FROM B-5 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT).” (Wal-Mart Super Center) Roger Hunt reviewed the staff action and recommendation and went over the “commitments” section of the ordinance. He also recapped the action taken by the Planning Commission and their reasons for denial of this petition. He suggested that action taken by the Commission was based on past experience with the previous Wal-Mart site and management. Staff recommends moving forward from this point with best solutions and not dwell on the past. It was pointed out through questions and answers that the site had sufficient parking with this request and that the Fire Department approved the plan. Currently Wal-Mart is working under a temporary sixty-day permit, but this action will relieve the need for annual permitting while forcing compliance with the PUD. Richard Eynon, representing Wal-mart, spoke on behalf of the local management and assured their compliance with the requirements of the PUD.

George Dutro moved to:

- 1. Amend the document entitled “Wal-Mart Super Center Planned Unit Development” that is referenced in the ordinance by doing the following under the section entitled “Seasonal Display and Sales:”**
 - a. In the second paragraph, place a period “.” after “...number of parking spaces” and strike the phrase “for the existing retail use as demonstrated in the attached Parking Analysis.”**
 - b. In the third paragraph, replace the words “sign regulations” with the words “approved sign development plan.”**
 - c. Date the document with the words “Revised 3/25/2003.**
- 2. Amend the ordinance itself under “Section II, 3” by replacing the word “undated” with the word “dated.”**

Craig Hawes seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

George Dutro moved to place the ordinance in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

IV. Other Business

- A.** Next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 1, 2003.
- B. Adjourn –** Martha Myers moved for adjournment. Augie Tindell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at approximately 8:12 AM.

ATTEST:

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer